GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RURAL COMMUNITY PHONES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL has formulated a plan to clear waiting list in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise details of the rural community phones provided by BSNL during the last one year particularly in Maharashtra;

(d) the areas where setting up of Rural community phones are still awaited; and

(e) the reasons for delay in setting up of these phones?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Base Terminal Stations (BTSs) have been planned to cover all the Short Distance Charging Areas (SDCAs) for clearing the waiting list. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

(BSNL) has already placed order for procurement of 10.25 Lakh lines of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) equipment. The supply of equipment has already commenced and the equipment is under installation at various places. In addition supply of 15 Lakh lines of Mobile Switching Centre (MSC) based WLL equipment is also likely to commence from July, 2005 onward. Further a purchase order for procurement of 15 Lakh of Fixed Wireless Terminals (FWTs) has also been issued.

(c) to (e): BSNL has entered into an agreement on 30th September, 2004 with the office of Administrator Universal Service (USO) Fund for providing 24794 Rural Community Phones

(RCPs) in the country progressively by September, 2007. According to the agreement 4959 RCPs are to be provided by September, 2005. BSNL has provided 4000 RCPs including 147 in Maharashtra state; upto February, 2005. The Telecom. circle-wise details regarding RCPs targeted to be provided and provided upto 28-02-2005 are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

CIRCLE-WISE DETAILS OF RCPs PROVIDED BY B.S.N.L.

Sl. No.	Name of the Circle	Total No. of RCPs to be provided by September, 2004	RCPs Provided upto 28-02-2005
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3677	123
3.	Assam	1913	0
4.	Bihar	1302	05
5.	Jharkhand	451	65
6.	Gujarat	1801	933

7	Haryana	145	20
8.	Himachal Pradesh	95	23
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	122	03
10.	Karnataka	1528	435
11.	Kerala	01	0
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1810	975
13.	Chhattisgarh	576	172
14.	Maharashtra	3140	147
15.	North East-I	505	06
16.	North East-II	193	0
17.	Orissa	936	129
18.	Punjab	43	43
19.	Rajasthan	1416	170
20.	Tamil Nadu	1424	618
21.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	2210	13
22.	Uttar Pradesh(West)	429	60
23.	Uttaranchal	05	02
24.	West Bengal	1072	58
Total		24794	4000